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# Further guidance to the Least Developed Countries Fund

## Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

## Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its forty-first session, recommended the following draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twentieth session:

## Draft decision -/CP.20

# Further guidance to the Least Developed Countries Fund

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recognizing* the specific needs and special circumstances of the least developed countries, as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

*Recalling* decisions 6/CP.9, 3/CP.11, 5/CP.14, 5/CP.16, 9/CP.17 and 10/CP.18,

*Also recalling* the least developed countries work programme, as defined in decision 5/CP.7,

1. *Welcomes* the increased allocation and disbursement of funds to least developed country Parties under the Least Developed Countries Fund;

2. *Notes* with appreciation the additional contributions made by Parties to the Least Developed Countries Fund;

3. *Notes* the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its twentieth session;[1] and the synthesis report prepared by the secretariat on the progress

[1] FCCC/CP/2014/2.



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made in the implementation of the remaining elements of the least developed countries work programme;[2]

4. *Also notes* the submission from a Party on behalf of a group of Parties on information on experiences with the implementation of the remaining elements of the least developed countries work programme;[3]

5. *Further notes* that the Least Developed Countries Fund has financed the preparation of 51 national adaptation programmes of action, of which 50 have been completed, and has approved the funding for 159 national adaptation programmes of action implementation projects and for programmes in 48 least developed countries (as at 3 December 2014);

6. *Encourages* developed country Parties and other Parties in a position to do so to continue contributing on a voluntary basis to the Least Developed Countries Fund in order to support the implementation of the least developed countries work programme;

7. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention entrusted with the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund, to continue to support the remaining activities contained in the least developed countries work programme;

8. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention entrusted with the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund, to share, in its next report, lessons learned and progress made in its pilot accreditation of Global Environment Facility national project agencies;

9. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention entrusted with the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund, to include, in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties, information on specific actions that it has undertaken to implement the remaining elements of the least developed countries work programme, including the updating and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, with a view to the Conference of the Parties determining, at its twenty-first session, appropriate further guidance to be provided to the Global Environment Facility;

10. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention entrusted with the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund, to enhance communication with its implementing agencies and to encourage its implementing agencies to enhance their communication with countries to facilitate a timely implementation of other elements of the least developed countries work programme including national adaptation programmes of action.

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[2] FCCC/SBI/2014/INF.17

[3] FCCC/SBI/2014/MISC.3